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For: Method of Manufacturing A Diffuser  
Master Using a Blasting Agent

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**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

To ensure consideration of the amended claims, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is concurrently submitted herewith. Accompanying this RCE is a response to the Final Office Action, mailed March 24, 2004. Claim 21 stands rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for the rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.